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The Honorable Ray LaHood
Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave. SE
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Dear Secretary LaHood,

Thank you for your ongoing efforts to ensure the efficiency, accessibility and safety of our aviation network. As you consider the request by Delta Air Lines and US Airways Group to swap takeoff and landing rights in New York and Washington, I request that you provide a state-by-state analysis of the impact of this swap before moving forward with any approval.

My foremost concern is the impact this swap would have on routes to and from Iowa. Iowa families and the Iowa business community have long expressed frustration with the lack of available flight options. Not only does a lack of flight options impact family travel, but it also has a direct impact on local economies and our ability to bring new, job-creating industries to the state.

The analysis of this swap should not be performed in a vacuum. The most important factor for consideration is the impact on American travelers and American business. Please provide a state-by-state analysis of the routes that will be impacted by this swap, should it be approved. Thank you for your consideration of my request.

Sincerely,


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